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TAGS: ELAB, AR (ALVAREZ, PEDRO)

SUBJ: LABOR INFORMATION: REPORTED ARREST OF PEDRO ALVAREZ

REF: A. BA 5842 B. STATE 220837

OPS CENTER PLEASE PASS TO ARA LABOR ADVISOR JOHN O'GRADY AND  
CHIEF, ARGENTINE POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRED RONDON

1. PEDRO EUGENIO ALVAREZ, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE UNION OF  
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT WORKERS (SUTEP) AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT WORKERS FEDERATION (FITE),  
WAS TAKEN PRISONER, PRESUMABLY BY ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE  
AGENTS, "EARLIER THIS WEEK", ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RELAYED  
SEPTEMBER 10 TO LABATT BY RAMON ELORZA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
GASTRONOMIC WORKERS UNION, AND FERNANDO DONAIRES, SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF THE PAPER WORKERS FEDERATION. ALVAREZ WAS ARRESTED IN  
A RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT IN THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES WHILE  
LUNCHING WITH EX-LUZ Y FUERZA UNION SECRETARY LUIS ANGELERI,  
ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT. NEITHER ELORZA NOR DONAIRES HAD ANY  
FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEGED ARREST.

2. EVIDENTLY SURPRISED BY THIS NEWS AND UNABLE TO CONFIRM AT FIRST,  
ALVAREZ' SECRETARY, "CARMEN," CHECKED FURTHER AND HAS NOW  
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CONFIRMED ALVAREZ DISAPPEARANCE. FITE COORDINATOR JOE

GUTTENBERG HAS ALSO CONFIRMED, BUT NEITHER HE NOR CARMEN  
KNOW WHERE ALVAREZ IS BEING HELD, OR BY WHICH AGENCY.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRESS REPORTS, THUS FAR, CONCERNING THE  
REPORTED ARREST.

4. ELORZA SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS HIS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
ALVZREZ' ARREST BE TRANSMITTED TO ANDY MCLELLAN, INTER-AMERICAN  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFL-CIO--A REQUEST HE WAS MAKING, HE SAID,  
OUT OF SOLIDARITY WITH ANOTHER UNION LEADER, EVEN THEY WERE "OF  
DIFFERENT POLITICAL PERSUASIONS" AND ALTHOUGH HE, ELORZA, DID NOT  
KNOW IF ALVAREZ WOULD DO THE SAME FOR HIM IF HE WERE IN THE SAME  
SITUATION. DONAIRES CAUTIONED LABATT IT WAS PERTINENT FOR US GOVT  
AND US LABOR MOVEMENT TO KNOW THAT THERE WERE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST  
ALVZREZ OF ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF HOUSING FUNDS WHILE A  
WORKER DIRECTOR OF THE BANCO HIPOTECARIO--CHARGES WHICH  
DONAIRES SAID HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO EITHER CONFIRM OF DENY.

5. AFTER THEY WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM ALVAREZ' DISAPPEARANCE,  
BOTH "CARMEN" LABATT: AFREEMAL AND GUTTENBERG SPECIFICALLY  
ASKED THAT NO REPEAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN FOR NOW.  
GUTTENBERG FEARS SUCH PUBLICITY MIGHT PREJUDICE ALVAREZ' LIFE.

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